

REMARKS

The objections to form have been resolved as required in the office action.

Claim 1 has been amended to call for receiving information about a characteristic of a client in order to select an appropriate probe routine from at least two probe routines and to send that probe routine to the client in order to determine the capabilities of the client and to provide information back to the server about those capabilities.

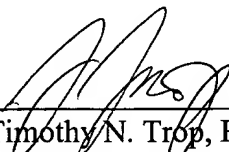
The cited reference does use classmark information, but it uses classmark information for a different purpose. Namely, the classmark information is information that defines the capabilities of the client. But classmark information is not used in the cited reference in order to select the appropriate probe routine at the server to send to the client to evaluate the client capabilities.

To the contrary, in the cited reference, the client capabilities are assessed from the classmark information. There is no selection from among at least two different probe routines at the server. And, most certainly, classmark or other characteristic information is not utilized to make that selection.

Therefore, claim 1, its dependent claims, and the other claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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